

FDA FACT SHEET

FOOD PROTECTION TASK FORCE GRANT PROGRAM

Program Description

- The Food Protection Task Force (FPTF) grant, awarded by the FDA Office of Partnerships, is available to state, local, and tribal governments to convene stakeholders in food safety.
- These stakeholders form task forces that consist of government, industry, academia, and consumer groups that create an effective state-wide infrastructure for outreach, response, and information sharing.
- Meetings funded as part of the FPTF grant aim to foster communication, cooperation and collaboration among state, local, and tribal food protection, public health, agriculture, and regulatory agencies.

Intended Outcomes

States aim to:

- Provide a forum for all the stakeholders of the food protection system—regulatory agencies, academia, industry, consumers, state legislators, boards of health and agriculture, and other interested parties to improve food safety and defense.
- Communicate and disseminate key FDA_ objectives and mandates including the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) to relevant stakeholders.
- Collect, compile, and communicate stakeholder interests and concerns to FDA regarding information and activities covered under this program.
- Assist in adopting or implementing the Food Code and other food protection regulations

- including FSMA.
- Promote the concept of an Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS) by communicating and supporting agency and related federal, state, local, tribal and territorial objectives that maximize the protection of the public health through prevention, intervention and response including the early detection and containment of foodborne illness.
- Conduct and present findings to stakeholders regarding research, investigations, and demonstrations, relating to the causes or prevention of food related illnesses and injuries in the context of food safety and defense.

Program Metrics

Current program funding: \$114, 480.00

Current number of awards: 11

Figure 1. Food Protection Task Force Grant States (2016-2017)





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